

# You Can Run, But You Can't Hide

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**Jonah 1:1-3** -- <sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: <sup>2</sup>"Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."  
<sup>3</sup> But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.

## Who is Jonah?

**2 Kings 14:25** -- He was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, in accordance with the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath Hepher.

**Psalms 139:7-10** -- <sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup>If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. <sup>9</sup>If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, <sup>10</sup>even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

You Can \_\_\_\_\_ from God, but You Can't \_\_\_\_\_ God.

### 1. We Run from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

**Jonah 1:1** -- The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai:

### 2. We Run from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

**Jonah 1:3 (NASB)** -- But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

### 3. We Run from our \_\_\_\_\_ to God!

**Jonah 1:3 (NIV)** -- But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.

## 4 Reasons I run from God:

### 1. Sometimes I Run Because I am \_\_\_\_\_ of my Circumstances!

**Jonah 1:2** -- "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."

### 2. Sometimes I Run Because I am \_\_\_\_\_ at God!

**Jonah 4:1-3** -- <sup>1</sup>But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD, "O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. <sup>3</sup>Now, O LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

### 3. Sometimes I Run Because I \_\_\_\_\_ Myself!

**Jonah 1:2** -- "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."

### 4. Sometimes I Run Because I have a \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

**January Memory Verse -- Psalm 103:8 (NIV)** The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.